

TITLE 16 Excerpts (12/04 Draft)

SECTION 10

F. The duff layer and native topsoil shall be retained in an undisturbed state to the maximum extent practicable. Any duff layer or topsoil removed during grading shall be stockpiled on-site in a designated, controlled area not adjacent to public resources and critical areas. The material shall be reapplied to other portions of the site where feasible.

G.1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection G.2. of this section, areas that have been cleared and graded shall have the soil moisture holding capacity restored to that of the original undisturbed soil native to the site to the maximum extent practicable. The soil in any area that has been compacted or that has had some or all of the duff layer or underlying topsoil removed shall be amended to mitigate for lost moisture-holding capacity. The amendment shall take place between May 1 and October 1. Replaced topsoil shall be a minimum of eight inches thick, unless the applicant demonstrates that a different thickness will provide conditions equivalent to the soil moisture holding capacity native to the site. Replaced topsoil shall have an organic matter content of between eight to thirteen percent dry weight and a pH suitable for the proposed landscape plants.

2. This subsection does not apply to areas that:

- a. Are subject to a state surface mine reclamation permit; or
- b. At project completion are covered by an impervious surface, incorporated into a drainage facility or engineered as structural fill or slope.